# Stamps Show Men Of Masonry

#### **Ancient Oil Lamp** For Teachers' Stamp

Israel's Postal Ministry has revealed a 250 pruta dark blue commemorative for the 50th anniversary of the Teachers' Assn. It will have a first day this month. Symbolical of the profession is an ancient oil lamp, lighted, centered in the design.



The Teachers' Assn. founded in Zikhron Ya'Akov in the year 1903 The Teachers

Zikhron Ya'Akov in the year 1903
was the first trade union to be organized in Israel and had as such an active part in establishing Hebrew as the language of the community in all walks of life. The Association comprises about 13,000 members employed in 7200 classes.

The stamp is designed by G. Hamori of Tel Aviv and is printed by the Government Printery at Hakirya in photogravure on watermarked paper. There are 20 stamps to the sheet with five tabs adjacent to the bottom row. The plate number is 87.

#### Monroe, Lincoln **First Day Statistics**

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In spite of the fact that the 4c Lincoln of the Liberty series was given a first day send-off during the ASDA N a t i o n a 1 Postage Stamp Show in New York City November 19, collectors did not come near breaking first day over records.

This one, of course, was a regular and the cover-fixers don't go for them as strongly as the commems. However, 374,064 were postmarked the first day; 1,032,-350 stamps were sold; all for a total value of \$41,314.00.

The 5c James Monroe of the Liberty Series was given even less support December 2 at Fredericksburg, Va. when it made a debut. It was cancelled on 255,650 FDC's; 568,888 stamps were sold; total value of first day sales \$28,444.40.

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# 1918 Philatelic Magazine **Indicates Lots Of Changes** In Hobby Past 37 Years

A friend gave me a February 1918 copy of "The Albermarle Stamp Collector", a monthly published at Keswick, Va. I judge that this magazine was one of the leading U. S. stamp publications of the time. It was edited by Charles Haviland Mekeel, a big name in philatelic circles, he having founded "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News", which was at St. Louis in the early 1890's.

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This 1918 monthly was then in the third year of publication. It is 6 x 9 inches in size and the issue I have has 30 pages, the twelve last ones being taken up by display ads. Then there is one page filled with business cards of stamp publications, mostly foreign — English, Danish, French, Spanish, Argentina and even one Russian. This latter reads, "The Russia Collector and Correspondents Journal. A quarterly, 5 rubles a year. Paul Kalonozol, Box 1321, Moscow, Russia." Conditions have changed with

Conditions have changed with time. Publishers of foreign stamp journals no longer spend their shillings, francs or rubles for business cards in U. S. stamp publications. In the case of Linn's, its readers do not need to subscribe to foreign philatelic publications to get all the stamp news while it is still news.

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I have heard oldtimers in the hobby state that the U. S. Post Office Department all but killed stamp collecting in the U. S. when it issued the 1908-09 regular set of postage stamps, all of the values, except the 1c, having the same portrait of Washington. They said many collectors quit and that few new ones

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were attracted to the hobby. Judging from the new prices stamps were offered in this Keswick monthly, interest in the hobby was still in a state of doldrums, although the country was experiencing a war-time prosperity. prosperity.

You could have picked up the 1916 5c rose error perf 11 for \$3 and the perf 10 for \$4 with 25% off.

and the peri 10 for \$4 with 25% off.

But the biggest buys were mint copies of the dollar values of the Canada Jubilee set of 1897. The \$1 at \$1.50; the \$2 at \$2.25; the \$3 at \$3.25; the \$4 at \$4.50 and the \$5 at \$5.50.

Today's U. S. philatelic journals rarely if ever give space to poetry. This 1918 monthly devotes a page to a poem that was reprinted from the "Philatelic Monthly", wondon. Many of the words and expressions in it are in cockney English and it might be amusing to a person used to hearing that lingo. It is entitled, (Continued on page 8)

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It is now believed to have arisen from the medieval guilds of masons and architects, the most skilled of which had organizations with signs and pass words, but it was not until the 18th century that permanent lodges were reestablished upon the principals which form the basis of the modern orders.

Have you ever considered making a collection of stamps of interest to members of Masonic Orders? Such a collection involves much work, and may be approached from several angles, one of which is the assembling of stamps with portraits of known Masons.

Masons.

Remember that your collection must be grounded on accuracy. This presents difficulties since a works of an artist, or even a politician, but rarely ever relates a thing about his fraternal affiliation.

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Other than portraits, one finds many monuments erected to famous men of the Brotherhood of Masons, and scenes of events in which Masons were present.

Masonic e m ble m s may be found on U. S. Revenue stamps, and in cancellations, some of which are the familiar square and compass. Miscellaneous items, as covers and seals, fit into the picture and give interest, as also do expressions used in the ritual. We may add buildings where important Masonic ceremonies have been held, or persons have lived, as the White House (U.S. Scott type A379) or Mt. Vernon (U.S. A258), or The Hermitage (U.S. A259).

A truly Masonic stamp is Great Britain A108, bearing the portrait of the late King George VI, who was both a Mason and a philatelist. On this bit of paper we see the square and compass as well as the trowel.

Of the list of Presidents of the U.S. and other famous Americans published by the Post Office Department about 50 names can be identified as belonging in a collection of Masons on Postage Stamps.

A helpful book is "Prominent

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A helpful book is "Prominent Men Who Were Masons" by H. L. Haywood; another fine book is called "Masons as Makers of America", by M. L. Peters. And a third good one is "Masonic Presidents", by W. L. Boyden. GIFTS . HOLIDAY-SPECIALS . GIFTS

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#### Famous Masons Stamps

Wolfgang A m a d e u s Mozart (1756-1791) — Mozart was born in the quaint but picturesque town of Salzburg. At the age of five he began to compose music, and at age of six was requested to perform before crowned heads of Europe. In the 23rd year of his life his works show that he had become a believer in the equality and right of free men, hence he became affiliated with Free Masonry while in the city of Vienna, Austria.

Stamp No. B7 of Bohemia and Moravia is one of four issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his death. He has been honored by other countries also.

Some collectors of Masons on Stamps advise that it is wise to use but one stamp of a Mason though many have been issued. It has been told that this great musician's grave is unknown, but this seems inconceivable since

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George Washington (1732-1799)

George Washington was an officer in the British Colonial Army in America, in the French and Indian War, and then a general in the struggle for independence by the American Colonies. He later became the first president of the United States.

Free Masonry had come to America but a few years prior to his birth in Virginia. At age of 20, in 1752 he became an Entered Apprentice, then a Fellow Craftsman and later a Master Mason in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Va., now No. 4 on the Virginia register.

The first recorded meeting of

Virginia register.

The first recorded meeting of this lodge was September 1, 1752. It has carefully preserved the Bible on which George Washington was obligated as a Mason—it was allowed to be sent to the Grand Lodge of New York November, 1920, where it lay on the altar beside the Bible of St. John Lodge on which Washing—(Continued on page 7)

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## The Paid Markings on the 3c U.S. Stamp of 1861

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CHAPTER THREE ROMAN PAID - TYPES I, II AND III

PAID PAID ROMAN - TYPE I

PAID

The Roman letter is the most common form of type face. It might be described as being a plain Gothic letter with the addition of serifs at all extremities, such as at the base of the P and at the top left point of the P, at the base of the A and at the top and bottom of the I and at the top and bottom left extremities of the letter D.

In all true Roman Type Faces these serifs appear to curve out to a point at their extremities. This is the type face most commonly used in books, magazines and newspapers. There are a great number of different faces in the Roman Family, each however in the

printing trade has a distinguishing name.

Perhaps the oldest and most beautiful of all Roman is the original Caslon Type. This face has been imitated many times since originally made and each such imitation has a distinguishing

As in the Gothic PAID, the first three types of the Roman PAID are so near alike that it is quite difficult to separate them. Type III is readily told by the length of the word PAID and because the letters are spaced wider apart than in Types I and II.

Therefore the big problem will be to separate Types I and II.

In my study of these PAIDS I have at times, been tempted to

classify Types I and II as a single. On the other hand I am convinced there is enough difference if clear cancels are found, to

I have already identified several on cover, so if you find covers

I have listed you can know the type you have.

Type I has the appearance of being just under 4mm in height

and 15½mm in length.

Type II has the appearance of being just a bit over 4mm in height and 16½mm in length. Otherwise they appear almost identical.

Even with these slight variations, to a practiced eye, the Type I looks smaller than the Type II. Any experienced printer would readily note the difference in size for printers are trained to note the slightest variation in type sizes and type faces.

Type III is just under 4mm in height but is 18½ to 19mm in

length. It can also readily be distinguished from the other two as

Since the handstamps from which the cancels were struck are wood engravings it is most probably that these slight differences occur from the fact that the engraver was trying to make and duplicate a definite size and style and the differences were not

If perfect clear prints from all of the PAIDS of these three types were available minute differences would most probably be found in many of them.

Unless otherwise stated, these cancels are in black.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type 1:—MORRISTOWN, MAINE.

MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

NORTH WEARE, MASSACHUSETTS. (I have two covers from this town, both being unusual. The first has a single 3c 1861 stamp on which there are two strikes of the PAID handstamp. The other cover has a pair of this same 3c stamp and each stamp in the pair has two strikes. The question arises, did this postmaster sock them all trained. them all twice?)

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. (Blue)
AMOSKEAG, NEW HAMPSHIRE.
BATH, NEW HAMPSHIRE. (Blue)
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE.
ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA.
Type II:—MARION, CONNECTICUT.

THOMPSONVILLE, CONNECTICUT.
WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT.
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NORTH LAWRENCE, NEW YORK. CASTLETON, VERMONT. Type III:—HOLLISTON, MASSACHUSETTS. KINGSTON, MASSACHUSETTS MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS.

THE ROMAN PAID — TYPE IV

## PAID

ROMAN - TYPE IV

Type IV is a very distinctive PAID. It is of the Roman Family and quite similar to the type face so often used in engraving, for fine business and commercial stationery. It is similar to what is known in the printing trade as Engravers Roman.

The measurements are about 4 x 18mm and the A is quite wide at its base. This type is known in both black and blue and is rather scarce.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE. Type IV:-GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS. (Black) NEPONSET VILLAGE, MASSACHUSETTS. (Black) NORTH ANDOVER DEPOT, MASSACHUSETTS.

THE ROMAN PAID — TYPE V

#### PAID ROMAN - TYPE V

This is by far the most common of all Roman PAIDS. This along with the Gothic Type VIII and the common Boston
(Continued on page 11)

#### Mexican Sports Set Planned For March

Early March is the date for the appearance of a series of Mexican commemoratives for the Second Caribbean Sports Festival. Since there is a pending change in postage rates due to the devaluation of the Mexican peso last April, the denominations of the new stamps have not been determined. If the change in postage rates takes place as scheduled, they become effective on January 1.

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only 25 centavos or 2 cents to send a letter weighing 5 grams to the United States and 80 centavos or 6.4 cents to Europe.

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#### In Defense Of The B. P. A.

We want to quote a paragraph from a letter from an American Dealer who feels that the true story has not been told concerning the B.P.A. and the Sperati matter. Let us quote . . . . "I have for the past several months read your comment concerning the Sperati deal which the British Philatelic

Association has arranged and believe that there are some facts that you must not be aware of or you would not be writing as you have. Since I am very closely associated personally and businesswise with the person who arranged the deal between Sperati and the B.P.A., I believe that I am possibly somewhat better aware of these facts through this intermediary than most people in this country. Likewise, I feel an obligation to do what I can to see that a fair picture of B.P.A.'s. action is presented in the United States which I do not believe it has to date." Association has arranged and believe that

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That, I believe is all that is necessary to quote from this letter for there is just one point that we and other publishers understood and for which we are chiefly blamed, when as a matter of fact, both we and other publishers took our information from the British Philatelic Press and thus if we are wrong, then the blame should be put Press. The point in question is as to the number or quantity of the

Press. The point in question is as to the number or quantity of the Sperati stamps that are to be dumped into the open market. By open market we mean distributed in any manner, for it is certain that what gets out once will not be held indefinitely by those who get them, but will eventually be scattered broadcast and there is where the damage will start.

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We understand and we believe other American publishers understood that a definite number of sets of the complete examples of Sperati's work were to be produced and that they would be available to every member of the B.P.A. who cared to obtain a set or an album of them. This is the information that we gathered from reading the

British Press.

Our informant advises us that such is not the case. He states that the only examples of Sperati's work that are to be distributed will be those that were in possession of Sperati at the time the purchase of his material was made. That no new or extra copies were to be made. This statement we doubt very much. It is not possible to believe that Sperati had such a big stock of these spurious stamps that there will be enough to make up into a number of different little albums to supply different members of the B.P.A. who want them. Thus the matter still stinks and any such explanation as is given us smells wery fishy.

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Our correspondent writes a lengthy letter in defense of the action of the B.P.A. in their purchase of this material, but all this is irrelevant to the real facts. What he chiefly blames us and other American publishers for is the assumption that a large number of sets of Sperati counterfeits were to be prepared for distribution. What it cost them or other matters are of little concern.

If this information is correct, then no one can be blamed except the B.P.A. itself for it could have given out a correct statement in the beginning.

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Now, after all the misinformation has been published, the B.P.A. under date of October 22, sends us a letter by slow mail in which a single paragraph makes this statement . . . . "I wish to state most emphatically that no further copies of Sperati reproductions have been or will be made. Certain copies of the original Sperati work, after being securely marked to show that they are reproductions are being distributed to recognized philatelic museums and expert committees and to experienced members of the B.P.A. and the Royal Philatelic Society. London. only."

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You will note the above paragraph says the stamps will be marked. The original announcements in the British Press stated that approximately 500 small albums of Sperati's work would be distributed to members of the B.P.A. and it made no announcement that the stamps would be marked. Had this sort of information been given out in the first place, no misstatements would have been made by the American Press. We at least would have condemned the act as we still do and bave a right to do, but we would have had the story right.

Incidentally our American informant is not named by name as in his letter he suggests that we are "completely overlooking the main

his letter he suggests that we are "completely overlooking the main menace in this country to philately; namely, the tremendous quantity of reperfed, regummed and repaired stamps which is currently permeating the New York market. These jobs are so clever that very few of any collectors and most dealers cannot tell them from the untampered with material."

The rest of this is too hot to print, but why this party should ask us to start a crusade of this nature is more than we can understand. He is a member of the ASDA and can if he wants to, take the matter up with the Association. It should be their business to clean up their own mess. We do not have the facts and should have to depend on his say so and about the time we put ourselves behind the eight ball, he would be the patters he speaks of Why

perhaps clam up and know nothing about the matters he speaks of. Why don't you speak for yourself John?

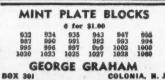
We might also refer to the letter from the B.P.A. from which we have quoted. In this letter the biggest part is taken up with an expression of appreciation for our attack on the Moluccas stamps or labels. If this same B.P.A. would have included Herm and Lundy in the list also we would thus better of them.

the list also we would think better of them.

Incidentally, a big London dealer visited leading American dealers
over here recently and tried to unload a big lot of the Lundy and Herm labels and got a cold reception, in fact he almost wept tears over his disappointment at not finding a ready market for his labels. The B.P.A. has consistently fought and condemned the American made labels but overlook their own dirty linen in Herm and Lundy. The November but overlook their own dirty linen in Herm and Lundy. The November 5th number of Stamp Collecting in speaking of the Herm labels says . . . "Billious in appearance, awkward in shape and issued solely, in our epinion, to extract cash from the pockets of stamp collectors." The commentary paragraph from which we quote that gem is headed, "Horrors from Herm". Poor Herm. We will gladly say Amen if they throw in Lundy and our own batch of American made labels.

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Each of these is to appear in the set Norway will issue January 3 for the 100th anniversary of its first postage stamps. Three in number, these commems will come in the category of "Stamps on Stamps". On the 20 ore green will be incorporated the first Norwegian stamp; on the 300 red the Posthorn design; and on the 350 blue, the Lion Rampant.

Lion Rampant.

On January 1, 1855 Norway un-derwent an important postal re-form. Uniform rates were estabform. Uniform raves were established and adhesive postage stamps were introduced. Before that mid-19th century date postage was dependent on the distance the mail had to be conveyed and the rates, which were very high, were not easily determined.

Commenting on the volume of postal business since the very beginning, a postal administration spokesman advised that in 1855, the first year, two million plus pieces of mail were handled; at 1900 the total had reached 57 million, and in 1953 there were no less than 31 million. Ole K. Mitsen conceived the designs which were printed in photogravure by Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 100.

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#### UNITED NATIONS

Feb. 9—ICAO commem.
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#### Korean Stamps Urge Forest Protection

Two propaganda stamps urging Protection of the Forests were is-sued by South Korea on December 12. Both have identical designs and colors, the differentiating mark being the values of 10 hwan and



The colors are a light yellow green and blue green. To the left of the design is a pine tree trunk, in the center forested mountains. Inscriptions have been translated by Song Ki Choo, World Stamp Co., 61 1st Ga Kwang Bok Dong, Pusan, Korea who states that on the top is "Korean Postage"; lower right "Protection of Forest"; the 4287 beside the denominations is the year according to Korean calendars.

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As host club to the 17th Annual Convention of the Peninsular State Philatelic Society on February 12-13, at the Tuller Hotel in De-troit, the Michigan Stamp Club has

troit, the Michigan Stamp prepared an attractive two-color cachet in honor of the event. It features the theme: "All Roads Lead to Detroit" and consists of a photograph of the skycomposite photograph of the sky-line of Detroit and the new John C. Lodge Expressway, all enclosed in a simulated postage stamp frame.

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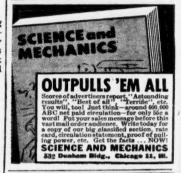
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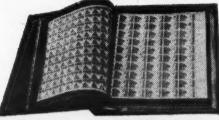
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#### BY CARL P. RUETH

I hope a lot of you haven't, or wont find out about it the hard way, but the Lewis & Clark commem is on a rather brittle paper. At least all that I have seen are. Once the stamps get bent along the perfs they are just about shot as a pair, block or other completely attached single unit. single unit.

That means that in handling them, you will have to use every precaution to keep multiples flat and unbent. You wont be able to toss these into shoe box and expect to have something worthwhile a week later. to have so week later.

week later.

Paper of the other stamps seemingly stands up a little better under handling and is not so inclined to separate. But don't get gay with any of them. The little bridges between the perf holes get more brittle the older the stamp.

The Maryland Tercentenary of 1934 was another stamp which separated at the slightest rough handling.

1. What ships were pictured on the Maryland Tercentenary com-

mem?

2. What bridge, located where, across what river is pictured on the Civil Engineers commem of 1952?

Before moving along to other items, I do want to thank you who so graciously sent your Christmas Greetings. I appreciate them considerably. Hope all of us are together and enjoying the best things of life a year from now.

George S. Tompkins of Monroe City, Mo. believes it should be mentioned that the new Postal Manual which has gotten so much favorable notice in and out of the hobby can be purchased reasonably. It is 65c postpaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

The idea of sending sales messages in a first day cover by firms which have or do not have a legitimate tie-in with a new postage stamp, is being pushed right along in the publications which inform people in the advertising profession.

Such an article from "Advertising Requirements" details the various plans which a number of prominent firms have used, even reproducing excerpts from some of the letters enclosed. It was sent in by Ernest Nordlinger of Chicago.

Might as well go through this again. It has been covered often, and either some readers forget, or didn't take down the information at the time it was given.

It is the matter of buying stamps for their collections. As for instance I have a note which says, "I wish that some time you would give some information on how to get the post office to sell me commemoratives or special issues. Our post office will not give me any choice of stamps."

If you are going to collect unused stamps, you should get them in very fine mint condition — all clean and full-gummed just as they are produced at the Bureau — and above all well centered. As common as centered material is, there is no excuse for collecting anything else, of the modern stuff. And, it wont be worth any more 20 years from now than it is today if it isn't very fine or better.

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Action at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was not too vigorous as it concerned the assigning of new numbers to plates for the printing of postage stamps, or sending of plates to the press for the first time. Numbers assigned to plates were:—

Liberty 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25092-3. Liberty 2c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 25094-5-6-7.

Plates sent to press in November for the first time and printed therefrom are:-

Presidential \$5 regular, 100 subject plate (frame), numbered 24482.
Presidential \$5 regular, 100 subject plate (vignette), numbered 24481.
Airmail 6c booklet, 360 subject plates, numbered 24564-5.
Postage Due 2c, 400 subject plates, numbered 23156-7.
Liberty 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25028, 25078.
Liberty 4c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25075-6, 25081-2.
Liberty 5c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25087-8, 25090-1.

Ohio.

On the 8c Columbian issued March 3, 1893 is a design showing Columbus being restored to favor by Queen Isabella. In the center at the top, on the wall, is the bottom part of a painting. The full painting pictures The Blessed Virgin at the right, at the foot of the cross. At the left are two other figures.

The stamp shows the Blessed Mother with the bottom part of her clothing and a foot showing.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS DEPT.: D. J. Duarte, Lisbon, Portugal; Pierre A. Cubells, Soissons, France; M. R. Holly, Aruba, N.W.I.; J. J. Verbrugge, Paramari-

1. The "Ark" and the "Dove". 2. The George Washington across the Hudson River — New York sky-

The 1954 annual Smoky Bear forest fire prevention seals have been received by the Texas Forest Service, located on the campus of Texas A & M College.

D. A. Anderson, of the staff, advises that collectors can obtain a block of four of the seals by sending

a stamped, addressed, envelope to him at 1202 Foster Ave., College Station, Texas. Commems on the envelope appreciated.

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First of the clubs to come through with ballots in the Seventh Annual Design Derby is the Great Neck High School Stamp Club which had fourteen members voting. They again are connecting prizes with the national outcome — that is, the members whose voting parallels the final results closest, get prizes. These will consist of mint Israel, British Colonials, and United States. Charles Harris conducted the balloting.

I'd like to point out again that for "The Design Most Appropriate To The Subject" choose only among the commems. Also, for groups send all the ballots, not just the overall result. Use this form here, or make up your own on a card or in a letter and mail it. Thanks.

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subject Send them to Carl P. Rueth, Linns Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.

What with a number of nations iswhat with a number of nations issuing Marian Year stamps, now closed, Joseph Gaber of Cleveland calls my attention to an article which suggests that the United States might have had such an item

many years ago. It was printed in the "Ohio Wai-

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Worked into the design is a globe at the Blessed Mother's feet on which the Philippine Islands are

A deep sky blue was chosen for the color; printing was in a quan-tity of ten million.

#### Three Slogans Made Available To Fans

Three slogans, two of them coming in right after the first of the year, have been announced as available to collectors by the Post Office Department.
Groton, Mass. has a revised listing of a previous announcement in error, the slogan there for the Tercentenary beginning January 4 and ending July 4.
Forest City, Iowa notes its centennial from February 1 to August 3.

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Penn State University, one of the two schools to be honored with a commem, will also get publicity via a slogan which came into use January 1 and will continue until June 30.

Impressions of the above can be gotten on addressed postal cards or envelopes. The envelopes must bear 3c postage and contain a stuffer. Prepared covers are then to be sent to the respective postmasters with a rerespective postmasters with a request that the slogan be applied.

#### Italian Somaliland Regulars, Specials

Seven new stamps for regular postage and two for special delivery were released by Italian Somaliland in December. The printing was the work of the State Polygraphic Institute in Rome, Italy.

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be issued. The first one expected
will be a new 10c to replace the
present one and will have as the
design an Arctic scene with an
Eskimo hunter.

Eskimo hunter.

Two stamps, featuring wild animals of Canada will be issued in April in support of National Wildlife Conservation. The jubilee of two Provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan will be celebrated with commemorative will also be issued in honor of the First International Boy Scouts, Lamborge in Canada, and Scouts Jamboree in Canada, and two stamps of the Prime Minister series will be issued. Portrayed on these will be Prime Ministers Sir Charles Tupper and Richard Bedford Bennett.

ECUADOR — An airmail set of five values, all of different designs, was issued on December 3, commemorating the centenary of the birth of Francisco Hermano Miguel. Values and colors are: 70c green; 80c brown; 90c blue; 2.50S blue-gray and 3S violet.

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JUGOSLAVIA — During December five stamps were to be issued showing Cultral and Historical events. They are announced by the Director General of Posts as: 15d picturing Vatroslav Lisinski, a composer, and commemorates the 100th anniversary of his death; 30d commemorating the 250th anniversary anniversary of his death; 30d commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of writer Andrija Kacic-Miosic; 50d commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Jurij Vega, a mathematician; 70d marking the 50th anniversary of the death of the poet Zmaj Jovan Jovanovic; and a 100d for the 120th anniversary of the death of Filip Visnicie, a poet.

We are also advised that a two value set, with both stamps the same design and value but different colors was isued on November 1, for the Red Cross. Use of this stamp on internal mail was compulsory from November 1 thru 8.

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PANAMA — On March 2 this country will begin issuing a series of postage stamps honoring the 259 recognized Popes of the Catholic Church. The first unit will be the Pope Pius series of twelve stamps. Each stamp will bear the portrait of a different Pope of that name.

Each year three units will be issued: The date March 2, 1955 is the 79th birthday of Pope Pius XII.

A portion of the gross revenue derived from the sale of these stamps is to be allocated to the Catholic Church in recognition of the great international task that

the great international task that Pope Pius XII has carried on in behalf of world peace and against communism.

#### Winchester Collectors Organize Stamp Club

At a meeting of local stamp collectors recently the Valley Stamp Club of Winchester, Va.

Stamp Club of Winchester, Va. was organized.
The following officers were elected: Paul M. Chamberlin, president; George Cook, vice president; and Charles J. Affleck, 34 Peyton St., Winchester, Va., secretary-treasurer.
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This unique display will be held in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and in collaboration with the first day ceremonies of the new U. S. stamp to be issued at the Academy of the Fine Arts on that date.

The work of the Philatelic Fine Arts Unit of the ATA covers research and study of all forms of fine art on stamps. The leading forces in this organization, recently elected are: president Daniel W. Vooys; secretary-treasurer, Beatrice M. Berner; bulletin chairman, Com. Kathleen Ziegler, USN; and editor, Mrs. Clare McAlister. The famous stamp artist, Jean Van Noten has been accorded an Honor-

famous stamp artist, Jean Van Noten has been accorded an Honorary Membership.

The Unit is planning checklists on architecture, sculpture, books on stamps, archaeological discoveries, etc. Anyone interested can secure additional information formation for the secure and stamps. etc. Anyone interested can secure additional information from Mrs. Clare McAlister, 915 Nelson Dr., Muskogee, Okla.

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Mr. Lenze also reports that the Tirso Molina regular of 15c is in a definitely new shade. Where form-erly it was moderate green, it pre-sently is in a real dark green.

MASONRY (Continued from page 1)

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Fredericksburg, Va. lodge still uses the ceremonial furnishings of its Master's Station that were there when Washington was initiated, but the building has been destroyed. The old minute books are there, kept well preserved.

Washington was proposed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia June 23, 1777, but declined, and was later proposed for similar honors in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

When the great patriot died he was buried with full Masonic rites by Alexandria Lodge No. 22 and assisted by Brooke Lodge No. 47 of same town. Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, was worshipful master of Alexandria Lodge at that time and to him fell the solemn duty of interring the dead.

Washington has been honored by the postal authorities of many nations. More than 100 stamps of his own country picture him.

Benjamin Franklin (1705-1790)

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Mass. He became a printer in early life, and later was editor of the Pennsylvania Gazette, city postmaster of Philadelphia, and, for 20 years, in charge of mails of the Colonies. He was initiated into St. Johns Lodge perhaps about 1730, and elected junior Grand Warden in 1732. Two years later he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the state of Pennsylvania (Grand Lodges then were somewhat different from today).

He and his brethren of St. John Lodge laid the corner stone

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John Lodge laid the corner stone
of Independence Hall and took
part in the dedication of the
"Freemason's Lodge" in Philadelphia, the first Masonic building in America, 1755. In 1760 he
was Provincial Grand Master of
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Franklin was active in Masonry while in France and became affiliated with the Nine Sisters, or Muses, in Paris and was elect-

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He has been honored by the United States many times with stamps, but the very first one is most interesting (Scott type A1).

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King William IV—The Sailor King. (1765-1837). His Royal Highness, Prince William, afterwards Duke of Clarence and St. Andrews and Earl of Munster, was initiated into Freemasonry in "Prince George" Lodge, No. 86, E.C. on March 9, 1796. Being a member of the Royal Navy, he became Lord High Admiral, H.-R.H. was unable to take active part in the work of the Masonic Craft.

In 1831, the year he succeeded to the throne as King William IV, he became Grand Patron of the Craft under the Grand Lodge of England.

England.
The Prince Consort (1819-1861) —Albert was a prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and became the husband of Queen Victoria of Great Britain, under the title of Prince Consort. We see his picture on a stamp of Canada (Type A2).

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It has been stated that there is a plaque bearing the name of the Prince Consort and facts about his Masonic affiliations. He is shown on a stamp of Newfoundland in the issue of 1866-94.

King Edward VII (1841-1910)—
This genial, robust ruler held the scepter but ten years, but is portrayed on innumerable numbers of stamps, but the 1902 issue (Great Britain A66-78) is one of most outstanding.

The Duke of Connaught—This Duke was a brother of Edward VII and appears on a stamp of Newfoundland (A65), issued in 1911. Connaugh, presided over the destinies of British Freemasonry for forty-one years. He was initiated in Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259, in 1874. He became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England when his brother ascended the throne as Edward VII.

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King Edward VIII. — Though but on the throne a short time, there are many stamps of him as prince, but one that attracts most attention is listed as an issue of 1936, of Great Britain (A99), as king. He was initiated into Freemasonry in May 1919. On October 25, 1922 he was invested and installed as Senior Grand Warden of England. He was installed as Provinicial Grand Master for Surrey by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathern, K.G.; M.W. Grand Master on July 22, 1924, and on October 29, 1930, installed as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Surrey.

The Duke of Kent — In the Royal Family issue of 1911, of Newfoundland we see this handsome lad listed as Prince George (A62). The world knows of him as one of the casualties of World War II. He was initiated into Masonry April 1928, in Navy Lodge No. 2612 London.

King George VI — We recently mourned the death of this beloved man, George VI. He was an ardent stamp collector, and also a great Mason. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, Past Grand Master of Masons of Scotland and Past Provisional Grand Master, Middlesex. He was made a Master Mason at a memorable ceremony in 1919.

The initiation took place at an emergency meeting of Navy Lodge #2612 held at the Prince's Gallery Piccadilly, W. and it was conducted by the late Lord Ampthill. George VI fulfilled all the requisites and qualifications of a faithful Mason, and was much beloved by all nations.

Sir John A. McDonald (1815-1891) —Sir John McDonald is shown on a

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—Sir John McDonald is shown on a
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KLECKNERS BQX 2. FAR HILLS BRANCH DAYTON 9. OHIO as being the man most active in the confederation of the provinces into a united commonwealth. His membership as a Mason was in St. John Lodge #3 Kingston, Ontario, Canada (1844-91).

Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834)

—The French patriot, and general in the American Revolution, was recently honored by the U. S. with a stamp. His own country honored him in 1929 in its American Legion Issue (France A34). This one is of unusual interest, since it shows not only Lafayette but Washington, and the S.S. Paris with the airplane "Spirit of St. Louis" in flight. Of course the plane honors Charles Lindbergh, who made the first solo trans-Atlantic flight in that plane. In the research work preparatory to the U. S. issue it was brought out that the Marquis was an ardent Mason, and accepted an invitation from Masonic Friendship Lodge #6 of Alabama to visit upon his return Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834)

of Alabama to visit upon his return to America in April 1825.

Alabama Lodge # 51 at Claiborn and Hale Lodge #21 at Cahaba, Ala. also invited him to pay them a visit. At Cahaba and Montgomery there is no record that Lafayette took part in the meeting, but at Claiborn he assisted in some initiation can in the meeting, but at Claiborn he assisted in some initiation ceremonies "taking the position in the East". Claiborn as a fort and a town no longer exist — the old Masonic Building has been moved several miles away.

It is visited to this day by tourists. The antique large lock on the door and the original lodge furniture are of interest, for they represent a part of the history of Masonry of America for over two centuries.

Francis Marie Voltaire (1694-

turies.

Francis Marie Voltaire (16941778)—Voltaire was a French dramatist, poet and reformer. He was
initiated as a Mason in 1778, in the
Lodge of Nine Sisters, or Muses in
France, at a time when Benjamin
Franklin of the United States was
an invited guest.

an invited guest.

King Charles XV of Sweden—King Charles officiated at the initiation of King Edward VII of England in 1868, he was assisted by his brother

King Oscar II of Sweden-King Oscar II of Sweden—King Oscar II of Sweden is portrayed on a stamp (A7) of his country issued in 1885. He assisted his brother Charles at the initiation of the then Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII of Great Britain in

Edward VII of Great Britain in 1885.

John Marshall (1755-1835)—John Marshall was a citizen of Richmond, Va. He was secretary under President Adams, then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for forty years. (U. S. Type A99, 128)

His Masonic affiliations in Richmond, and Virginia are a matter of history. He was Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the state of Virginia. The oldest Masonic building in constant use in America is the one in Richmond, Va. where Judge Marshall so often attended.

Andrew Jackson (1767-1845)—Andrew Jackson of Tennessee, "Old Hickory", was known in many fields of endeavor. which led him

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1918 PHILATELIC (Continued from page 1)

"The Coster Stamp Collector". A coster is a peddler of fruit and vegetables.

It relates how the coster took up stamp collecting although his pals at the pub thought he must be getting water on the brain. The reason was that a friend who sorted paper in a paper mill became as wealthy as a prince by salvaging the postage stamps and selling them to dealers. The coster himself got the idea of changing the colors of stamps with fruit and vegetable tints, which he intended to offer King George as great rarities. It relates how the coster took

which he intended to offer King George as great rarities.
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Although the Skipetares had Although the Skipetares had no more idea of self-government than a jack rabbit, the colonel suggested the people of the district form a republic whose territory the French would defend. After this was done he authorized an issue of postage stamps. The colonel must have been a collector for he authorized grains of the colonel must have been as collector for he cautioned against unnecessary new issues and overprints. (I could name at least a dozen foreign countries that should take that advice.)

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Scott's in its brief history of Albania does not mention this republic, but lists its postage stamps. They all have the same subject, a scrawny, two-headed eagle. They are Nos. 54 to 68. The Italians invaded Albania in 1939 and annexed the coun-

At the end of World War II, At the communists in Albania were so well-organized that they seized supreme power. Now the great mass of the Skipetares are slaves of their red bosses and of Mos-

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PAID in oval are all about equally common.

In printers parlance this one would be called an 18 point Bold Roman Caps. Length 19mm, height 5 to 5½mm.

On a page of over 30 copies of this item, all seem to be alike at a glance, but because of the very wide usage of this type it is certain that several varieties could be noted if clear strikes of a number of the different handstamps were available.

The engraver no doubt attempted to duplicate this PAID many times, but minute differences were certain to show in the

finished product.

Among the examples I have accumulated there appear to be some in which the D is wider than in others. I also believe that in some the A and the I appear to be joined at the base or almost so while in others there is clearly more space between them. I have noted one copy with a very wide A. Three or four varieties can be found if looked for but it is almost impossible to accurately separate them for listing. The height of the letters appear to be 5 to 6½mm. The over all length between 18 and 20mm., in the

This PAID was used extensively throughout the New England States and I have held the belief that it may also have been used in Boston, but not until September 4, 1954, did I find evidence to support this belief.

Now I have a cover with the characteristic red Boston Cancel of this period and this Type V is struck on the stamp. It would seem to be a very rare item used from Boston.

In the wide use of this one it is found usually in black and rarely in blue. I have recently found one copy off cover, in red. Double strikes are quite unusual. KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

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A. This could not happen in a typeset line and does not appear so in any other of the types similar to this one.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.—None. THE ROMAN PAID - TYPE VIII PAID

Here again we find a scarce Type but one that should not be too difficult to pick out due to its length. It is 20mm. in length and about 5½mm. in height. The letters are spaced wider apart than in Type V or VII and although similar to Type VI in general appearance the D is fatter than in Type VI but in other ways is quite similar. The fat D makes for the extra length in this one over Type VI.

There are unquestionably other varieties of this group, Types V, VI, VII and VIII, but it is quite difficult to classify and describe them from the ordinary run of cancels as they come. Perhaps at a latter date I may point out others which could be definitely classified if fairly good strikes become available.
KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.
Type VIII:—KENNEBUNK, MAINE.

THE ROMAN PAID - TYPE IX

Here we have a big fellow, somewhat similar in face to Types

V to VIII but definitely a different kind. This is a very scarce PAID. Roughly 9½ x 21mm.

I have thus far seen but one copy, which is off cover, and I have not been able to locate it in any other book or pamphlet which I have. The marking is in black.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE:—None.

# PAID

This is definitely a Roman Paid, but the serifs on the letters are quite indistinct. A poor application of the handstamp could make it confused with a Gothic if there were a Gothic Type similar to this. Out of three copies found I have been able to get a pretty fair drawing. I am inclined to believe that a good strike of this handstamp would make the letters look a bit finer lined than the illustration, although I have seen one that looks much heavier. Measurements about 8 x 25mm. Known in black only.

There is little that need be said about this marking other than that it also seems to be quite scarce.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE:—None.

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The Netherland's is a 10c red; Netherlands Antilles 7½c olive green; and Suriname 7½c purple. Printing is in sheets of 100; only the Netherlands issue has a water-mark. Joh. Enschede en Zonen of Haarlem was the printer. S. M Hartz, also of Haarlem was the de

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American Finatelic Congress, Oc-tober 1954. The article is well-illustrated picturing many usual and unusual items on the subject. In the bulletin itself are several

In the bulletin itself are several informative articles on Japanese off-beat material. One, "Japan, As Seen In The Postal Cancellations Of The United States", is the combined work of Shiro Sasabe, George Fisher and R. P. Alexander. Another is a study which took quite a bit of doing, "Japanese Perfins", by Mr. Alexander who has an illustration for each variety of these items.

Incidentally this is Mr. Alexander's last appearance as editor of the bulletin. After five successful years at the helm, he is resigning. Robert Spaulding, Jr. is the new

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values are getting scarce, especially in fine used condition. The scarcest of these are the two 25c values No. 160 and 160A Fyndem in Stamp Collecting (London) gives the 25c olive No. 160A used, as the Week's Good FYND.

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NEW ZEALAND. The provisional stamp 3d on 1d, No. 279, issued in 1952 is scarcer than the catalogue price would indicate. A large number of 3d stamps are used in New Zealand and dealers did not stock up with the item, as they did with the Coronations. Of the 18,626,640 issued, most of them were used for postage and the mint stamps became scarce.

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It is reported that this Central African Federation is having serious trouble over racial issues. This may possibly result in the split up of the federation—AND—more new stamps. -more new stamps.

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HERM. The success of the local stamps of Lundy, has resulted in an issue for Herm. Both of these dealer inspired issues should not be in any collection of the British Empire as they are local issues and require additional stamps for delivery in any other country. The population of each is too small to warrant issuance of postage stamps beyond actual local needs, if any. Of course they do bring in the dollars from collectors.

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SOUTHERN RHODESIA. The demand for the obsolete Elizabeth set of 1953 (81-94) has caused a scarcity which has produced higher prices. This set should not be overlooked and much higher prices can be expected. The numbers issued have not as yet been released, but was probably quite small. All Southern Rhodesia are popular and some are scarce.

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There were only 290,658 of the 2/6 Coronation stamp No. 8 issued and only 539,378 copies of the six pence Rhodes Exhibition stamp. There cannot be more than 294,279 sets of the Rhodes Centenary issue as this is the number issued of the 4½d value.

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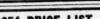
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